

**REMARKS****Status of the Claims**

Claims 30-81 were previously pending. Claim 31 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly claims 30, and 32-81 are pending and at issue.

Claim 30 has been amended to include salts of the recited compound. Support for this amendment can be found in claim 31 as filed. Claims 40, 43, and 66 have been amended to depend from claims 38, 41 and 65 respectively. Claims 68-81 have been amended to recite a method of administering an active agent. Claims 68 and 74-81 have been amended to delete "in need of said agent".

**Status of the U.S.S.N. 10/142,009**

The specification has been amended to state that U.S.S.N. 10/142,009 is now U.S. Patent No. 6,669,467.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph**

Claims 40, 43, 66, and 68-73, 76, and 78 stand rejected as indefinite.

The Examiner states that claim 40 and 66 lack antecedent basis, and claim 43 appears to claim a combination of insulin and low molecular weight heparin. The Examiner suggests that claim 40 should depend from claim 38, claim 43 should depend from claim 41, and claim 66 should depend from claim 65. These claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's attention to this matter.

The Examiner states that the preamble to claim 68 indicates that a biologically active agent is to be administered, but the composition to be administered, as defined in claim 32, is not limited to biologically-active agents. Claim 32 is drawn to active agents in general. While applicants respectfully disagree that this makes claim 68 indefinite, claims 68-81 have been

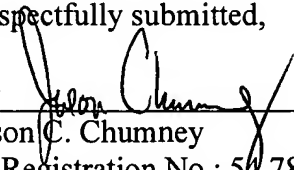


Submitted herewith is a declaration under §103(c). Applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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